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Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox provides referendum clarification

SALT LAKE CITY (January 29, 2020) – Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox released the following clarification regarding the public referendum on 2019's S.B. 2001:

2019's S.B. 2001 was officially repealed yesterday when Gov. Herbert signed 2020's H.B. 185. The purpose of a referendum petition is to refer a law passed by the legislature to a vote of the people. Since that law has been repealed, there is no longer an existing law to refer to the people, effectively making the referendum moot. Therefore, the referendum question will not appear on Utahn's ballots this year. I would like to thank Utah's county clerks and their teams for the tremendous amount of work they have done in processing over 145,000 signatures in a very short amount of time.